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Jobless rates down in 102 counties from April 2006 to April 2007

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FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates dropped in 102 Kentucky counties between April 2006 and April 2007, rose in 12 counties and remained the same in six counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.4 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 3.8 percent; Boone and Shelby counties, 4 percent each; and Campbell, Gallatin, Kenton, Oldham, Scott and Warren counties, 4.2 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 12.8 percent. It was followed by Clay County, 10.9 percent; Magoffin County, 10.6 percent; Owsley County, 10 percent; Wolfe County, 9.8 percent; McCreary County, 9.3 percent; Leslie County, 8.7 percent; Muhlenberg County, 8.6 percent; Morgan County, 8.1 percent; and Harlan County, 7.9 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do

not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and counties figures.

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